'Monologues' return to campus amid controversy

Eve Ensler's much debated play sees walkout protest after first act at DeBartolo

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

"The Vagina Monologues," Eve Ensler's controroversial play exploring female sexuality, returned to campus last night in DeBartolo 103 despite cries of protest from students, alumni and local bishop John D'Arcy. The performance was followed by a panel discussion featuring three University professors, a representative of D'Arcy's office and a surprise appearance by president of the Alumni Association Richard Nussbaum.

The play, which was performed by Notre Dame students and sponsored by the University's departments of anthropology, political science and sociology, protests violence against women and argues that a woman's vagina is not dirty but rather an inherent part of her identity.

"We were worried about vaginas," producer Lisa Rault said in her introduction. "Violence against women is a common day occurrence."

Several Notre Dame students, however, saw the play as an affront to the Church's teachings on sexuality, which they believe has no place at a Catholic University.

After the first monologue, Stephanie Elise Newsome performs in Wednesday's Vagina Monologues performance.

Clintons, Astin advocate for senator

Presidential candidate's daughter and "Rudy" actor speak to students about election

By JOSEPH McMAHON
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With the Indiana Democratic primary approaching on May 6, each of the presidential candidates' dates have been focusing their efforts on winning as many of the states delegates as possible and have made several recent trips to Indiana to do so.

Representing Hillary Clinton, Chelsea Clinton supported her mother and defended the questions of students and faculty from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College, and the Indiana University of South Bend, Bethel College and Ivy Tech as part of a question and answer session sponsored by the Northern Indiana Student Democrats Wednesday at Legends.

"I passionately believe in my mom as a young woman, a young voter and a young Democrat," she said.

Clinton was accompanied by actor Sean Astin, best known for his roles as the title character in "Rudy" and as Samwise Gamgee in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

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Donnelly expands pro-life definition

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

Congressman Joe Donnelly expanded on the meaning of "pro-life" to include supporting post-birth care — such as health care, insurance and school lunch programs — in his address to the Notre Dame Law School Wednesday.

Donnelly, the Democratic representative of Indiana's second district said despite people's impressions of the Democratic Party, the party is not inherently pro-choice.

He told a story of a question he received during a candidate night in his 2006 campaign. A woman asked why it was his business if she and her pregnant daughter decided an abortion was the best option for the child and family.

Donnelly responded that the issue became one of what is necessary to define human life. Since he defines an unborn baby as a human, he said, he is constitutionally required to protect it.

"That was the end of questioning on that subject for the night," he said. "The point is to protect that child."

A "working majority" of Congress, Donnelly said, is

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SMC webmail to be revamped

IT blueprint addresses Zimbra issues, among other major electronic issues

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Saint Mary's students have recently been unable to log in or send and receive e-mails with Zimbra, the College's e-mail system, and also have noticed the system shutting down unexpectedly.

"It's really inconvenient because I have a lot of professors who e-mail assignments in and it's really hard to get those when it's down a lot of the time," sophomore Michele Peterson said.

Many have been getting frustrated with the inconsistency and how much the system's problems appears to interfere with their everyday life.

"It's just really frustrating since everything around here revolves around e-mail... and then family and things like that," sophomore Tracy Chuckas said. "It can be bad when you need to e-mail your professor a paper and it's down again."

Other students have set their e-mail to forward messages to other programs so when Zimbra does go down, they are still able to access their e-mail through other avenues.

"It seems like it goes down at 2 a.m. and it's usually right when you're finishing something," said sophomore Rachel Estener, who set up a forwarding program with her professor. She set it up right before coming back to school this semester.

Dough McKeown, Systems and Networks Administrator for the Department of Information Technology (IT), said Zimbra was applied to Information Technology (IT) about a year ago.

"It was chosen specifically to replace Angel Webmail which we were running," he said. At the time, they had not budgeted to change the e-mail system, so Zimbra was chosen mainly

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Affective Disorder - SAD), the calendar, but it looks like we’ll still weather. The 20th was technically serotonin, making us happier. The springtime leads to more release of last traces of winter fade away.

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The Notre Dame chorale rehearses for their performance on Wednesday, April 2 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Wednesday.

**OFFBEAT**

Rancher who sold snake vodka bottles arrested SANTO, Texas — A rattlesnake rancher who calls himself Bayou Bob found a new way to make money. Stick a rattler inside a bottle of vodka and market the connexion as an “Asian elixir.” But Bayou Bob Peppelwell’s bright idea appears to have landed him on the wrong side of the law, because he has no liquor license.

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Drunk driver found with marijuana, pants off YONKERS, N.Y.—Suburban New York police say a drunken driv­

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Police say she claimed she wasn’t wearing pants because she needed to use the bathroom. They’ve charged her with driving while intoxicated, unil­

censed operation of a vehicle and marijuana possession.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What musical artist would you like to see to come to Notre Dame and why?

“Jason Mraz, because he’s all about the word play.”

“Kenny Chesney, because I think everyone is ready for ‘Summertime.’”

“Spice Girls, because they add spice to my life.”

“The Police, because Stephanie DePrez told me so.”

“That French guy who played the music for ‘Pride and Prejudice’... so nice!”

“Miley Cyrus, because she has to redeem herself after the last time she freaked out.”

**CORRECTIONS**

The viewpoint letter “Boycott Beijing” on March 26 stated that Beijing was awarded the 2008 Winter Olympics. Beijing was awarded the 2008 Summer Olympics.

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**In Brief**

“The Vagina Monologues” will be performed Thursday and Friday in 101 DeBartolo at 7 p.m. A panel discussion will follow the performance.

BCAC is looking for volun­

tees to help with BCAC Fashion Show 2008. The show takes place April 5 at 8 p.m. Please email BCAC@nd.edu if you are interested.

Amanda Anderson, Caroline Donovan Professor of English Literature at Johns Hopkins University, will speak at the 2008 Annual Ward­

Phillips Lecture Series. Her lecture is titled “Blak Lib­er­

alism” and will continue through Friday at 5 p.m. in 100 McKenna Hall. A recep­

tion follows the lecture.

The Student Union Board will show the movie “Non­

men” in 101 DeBartolo at 10 p.m Thursday, 8 and 10 p.m Friday and 8 and 10:30 p.m Saturday. Tickets are $3.

Siegfried Hall will host the Rambler Scramble, a minia­

ture golf tournament, Saturday at Stepan Center at 8 p.m. Free pizza, pop and Jimmy John’s will be avail­

able. The event benefits Lou Gehrig’s Disease research, and iPods, cameras and iTunes gift cards will be raf­

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The Notre Dame baseball team will play Cincinnati Friday at 5:05 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obassoc@nd.edu.

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Senate passes resolutions, proposes technology committee

By CLAIRE REISING

In the last meeting of the current administration's term, the Student Senate passed three resolutions and discussed the possibility of creating a Committee on Campus Technologies.

Senators Carol Hendrickson and Ryan Brellenthin of the Committee on Academic Affairs proposed the addition of this committee in response to the number of technological issues that Academic Affairs addressed this year, such as E-reserves and student print quotas. Brellenthin added that these issues have also affected other areas of the Senate.

"While there are certain committees that do tend to have technological issues come up in them, it really cuts across boundaries," he said. "It has the benefit of being something that is really present in the everyday life of students here."

This committee would also allow Senate to increase communication between students and the Office of Information and Technology (OIT). Brellenthin said. He explained that currently, one student, the University Council on Academic Technology Representative, communicates with OIT.

"It's very difficult for one person to be proactive for the entire student body," he said. Hendrickson said having a committee solely devoted to technology would allow senators the time to initiate innovative ideas, instead of just addressing issues as they arise.

"It would be innovative in terms of coming up with technology that other committees might not be brainstorming about," she said. Despite the potential benefits of a committee on technology, student body President Liz Brown expressed concern that the Senate may be "stretched" with a new committee, since members would be spread over more committees.

Additionally, student body vice president-elect Grant Schmidt said the new administration may create another committee, the Student Outreach committee. This committee would get campus feedback through a census surveying the student body once a semester on issues that student government is addressing.

"We're going to get feedback — concrete numbers — for students to be able to see and for us to be able to see what's bothering students," he said. Besides discussing tentative committees, the Senate passed the resolution supporting the addition of sexual orientation to Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause, which was debated at last week's meeting. Also, senators discussed the outcome of the student survey, town hall meetings and dorm sessions concerning the hiring of Catholic faculty.

The student government report stated that "the majority of students seems to value academic credentials more than religious affiliation when hiring faculty but do care about maintaining Notre Dame's Catholic character." Hendrickson said the report will be sent to the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Senate, and the Student Senate passed a resolution asking the faculty and administration to keep students informed about the issue and involved in dialogue.

"Basically what this resolution does it emphasize the importance to communicate about issues like this, ... and take seriously our efforts to have a dialogue," Hendrickson said.

In other senate news:

- The Senate passed a resolution from the Committee on Academic Affairs with suggestions for future in-dorm study spaces. Farley Senator Victoria Perez, who drafted the resolution, said as new dorms are built, rooms that were originally study spaces will be converted back. Suggestions include white boards, more outlets and more lighting.

- Judicial Council President Ashley Weiss said the Student Union Ethics Committee selected Bridget Keating, the student body vice president-elect, for the Michael J. Palumbo Award. The award honors an underclassman student for "outstanding dedication and service to the Notre Dame Student Union."

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Astin said he was endorsing the elder Clinton based on his own life experiences.

"I like her and I think she'll do the best job for America," he said.

Clinton said that she was the only candidate who could adequately continue her mother's platform, which she described as "the most progressive agenda in the country." She said the questions were focused mostly on her mother's various policies during the health care reform being a major issue for some students. In particular, students were interested in how Clinton's new plan would differ from the unsuccessful "Hillary Care" that she proposed during her term as First Lady in the early 1990s.

"I think my mother's position is consistent in that she has been fighting for universal health care since the early 1990s," she said. "What she is proposing now is informed by the lessons she learned then."

Senator Clinton's current health care proposal would allow more Americans to buy into the federal government employee's health care plan, which she predicted will increase the size of the pool of health care premiums. Americans that cannot afford that would be covered by the government.

"Average premium cost would be 50 to 55 percent cheaper because of the larger pool," Chelsea Clinton said. "You're more likely to die in America if you don't have health care. I think that's immoral."

She also said government-sponsored health care can help make some American companies, such as automobile manufacturers, more competitive by allowing them to reduce their costs.

"You can never have a true unleashing of America's competitiveness with these health care costs," she said.

In addition, Clinton said her mother would support scientific research, rather than stifling it like the current administration.

One thing that unfortunately has happened under the current administration is the cut of certain scientific research," she said.

The next question posed asked how the decision making process would work in the Clinton White House, and what role former president Bill Clinton would play.

Clinton said while her father would be willing to serve whomever the next president is, he is currently content doing his charity work.

"I am proud of my father's administration and I am proud of the work that he does today, and that's what he wants to keep doing," she said. "However, he'd be willing to serve whoever the next president is."

The audience also asked about Senator Clinton's current plan to deal with the housing crisis. The burst of the housing bubble could see one to two million families lose their homes to foreclosures this year.

"My mother has been talking about the housing crisis for more than a year, before any of the other candidates and before the current administration," she said. "We need to do the morally right thing to help keep people in their homes."

Senator Clinton's plan would include a possible bailout of homeowners, similar to the ones used to rescue Wall Street financial firms over the past several years.

Clinton answered questions on her mother's foreign policy stance, in particular on the Iraq War. While she said she would not support troop withdrawal, Clinton said her mother has been a leading figure in demanding accountability from the Pentagon.

"I'm proud that my mom was one of the first Senators to ask the Pentagon what its plans to end the war in Iraq were," she said.

Clinton said it is necessary to remember the safety of Iraqi civilians, but at the same time the country must start making its own political decisions.

"We have a moral obligation to the people who have helped keep our troops safe," she said. "But we need to send a message to the Iraqis that they need to make political choices for themselves."

Moreover, Clinton said her mother would focus on strengthening diplomatic ties with the Middle East, including engaging countries that the Bush administration has restricted in the past.

"My mother was the first person to say that she would open diplomatic relations with every country in the region," she said.

Although she is often pegged as a divisive figure, Clinton said her mother has a strong record of bipartisanship. She cited her mother's work with conservative Republican Senator Lindsey Graham and former Speaker of the House and long-time Clinton nemesis Newt Gingrich.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. patience wears thin with N. Korea

WASHINGTON — The United States and South Korea said Wednesday that patience is wearing thin with North Korean officials pressuring North Korea to hand over a promised declaration of nuclear weapons.

A second trial of the North Korean, which was due by the end of last year, has deadlocked six times on similar talks. But there is no suggestion that it address claims of a secret uranium enrichment program and allegations that the North transferred nuclear technology to Syria.

"Time and patience is running out," South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan said at a news conference with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Back after a two-day lunch meeting with Yu, told reporters that "it is really time now for there to be movement on the declaration."

Fireworks warehouse blast kills two

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A massive fire and explosion at a fireworks warehouse sparked a raging fire that raced through the industrial zone in Dubai on Wednesday, killing at least two people.

Within an hour, a fire first erupted, ambulances and fire engines struggled to the scene through the city's dense morning rush hour, while helicopters hovered above the ruined warehouse in Dubai's Al-Quoz Industrial Zone.

Heavy winds spread the flames quickly, engulfing at least 20 other warehouses and raising a pall of smoke visible for miles.

Five hours later, Dennis Roll, training manager at the warehouse, said "the fire was getting worse." After nightfall, the fire was still raging.

ARKANSAS SEE HISTORIC FLOOD LEVELS

CLARENDON, Ark. — Arkansans sandbagged their front doors and pumped out their flooded basements Wednesday, while those on the eastern border and flow back into their cotton and wheat fields.

"I don't think anybody knows how much higher it's going to get," said Monroe County resident Martin Reeves as overcast skies threatened rain.

LOCAL NEWS

Job issue heats up in governor's race

INDIANAPOLIS — The major party candidates for governor have left no doubt that jobs and the economy will be a focus in their campaigns.

Democrat hopeful Jim Schellinger announced a jobs plan Wednesday that focuses on force training, supporting small business, and creating jobs tied to new economic infrastructure.

"Retrial begins in Miami terrorism case

MIAMI — War with the U.S. government was at the heart of a terrorist plot to destroy Chicago's Sears Tower and bomb FBI offices, a prosecutor said Wednesday during closing arguments. The second trial came after a jury in December could not agree on verdicts for the six men.

"All you have to say is no — walk away," Batiste's attorney, Ana M. Jones, told the jurors. "It wasn't about explosives. It wasn't about going to Chicago."

The second trial came after a jury in December could not agree on verdicts for the six men. The first jury did acquit one of the original seven, but immigration officials are seeking to deport him to Haiti anyway because of the terrorism allegations.

Gregorie said Batiste and the others would have pursued a terrorism attack no matter what, noting that they were captured on FBI video-tapes taking an oath to al-Qaeda in March 2006.

"All you have to say is no — walk away, don't do it," Gregorie told jurors.

Jones countered that Batiste was overheard repeatedly on the FBI tapes saying his men knew nothing about the terrorism talk.
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Thomasson is presenting an IT blueprint to the Cabinet, receiving, he said, "I have yet to see mail get lost. Zimbra may lock up when you're typing mail and you lose it, that's one thing, but sending and receiving, it all eventually goes through."

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McKeown said. "I have yet to see mail get lost. Zimbra may lock up when you're typing mail and you lose it, that's one thing, but sending and receiving, it all eventually goes through."

He added that every time the e-mail goes down he gets a message and he is being constantly updated through. "I'm being constantly updated through." Thomasson said. "Zimbra doesn't matter, we have a buggy e-mail system currently. It works." Thomasson said.

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pro-life. That contingent is committed, he said, to more than just preventing abortion. Health care, education and nutrition also require attention.

He cited a bill that provided temporary assistance for needy families which helped pregnant women get the help they need during pregnancy. He also said he supported a bill which prohibited tax dollars from assisting institutions in foreign countries that perform or support abortions.

Stem cell research is another area where pro-life supporters can influence, he said. "Stem cells are tough because everybody wants good outcomes," he said. He said pro-life supporters need to convince families who have children with diabetes, and other diseases which may be helped by stem cells, that there are other options available.

"We need to show them how we can achieve the same goal without going down that road," he said, referring to stem cell research.

He called for increased funding for placental, chord and embryonic cell research as well as skin cell research. He made an analogy to fishing, the Democrats can throw 10 lines, or treatments, in the water, but they cannot cast the stem cell line.

Another of Donnelly's post-birth facets of pro-life ideology included improving school lunches. Some students in the district, he said, had no stable home life and sometimes the only solid meals they eat comes from school. At Brown School in South Bend, he said, 85 percent of students were on a federal lunch program. The best way to improve family life, Donnelly said, was to create jobs. Jobs provide income and allow people to spend time with their families, their mortgages and foster a good home environment, he said. Donnelly was optimistic about jobs in the area.

"We think we're creating unbelievable job opportunities," he said.

Healthcare is an issue for Donnelly himself, he said. His daughter has rheumatoid arthritis, which is treatable by a drug that costs $1,800 a month. He can afford it because his wife, who works for Notre Dame, falls under the University's insurance policy, but many others without insurance can't.

"We have to come up with how a child in the red house can get the same insurance and health care as the child in the green house," he said.


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Small TV stations fear switch to digital

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"Hair," ended, 20 to 30 students rose from their seats and exited the room, creating a slight disturbance. In their empty seats they left letters explaining their decision.

"We have chosen to attend, and immediately depart from," this performance of 'The Vagina Monologues' in order to protest its performance on campus for seventh out of the past eight years (sic)," the letter explained.

"Upon leaving the play, we are headed as a group to the Grotto, where we will pray for the students, faculty, and administration of the University of Notre Dame, and particularly that our institutional participation in such a demeaning cultural fad will come to an end. As loyal sons and daughters of Our Lady, we are confident that she will hear our prayer."

Nussbaum said he disagreed with many elements of the play and the protests were not wrong for walking out, but still made him uncomfortable.

The organizers of the monologues did not protest this departure, and instead welcomed protest members in the back to fill the empty seats up front.

The play included several new additions, including monologues about women in Iraq, Pakistan, Mexico and New Orleans.

"New Orleans is the vagina of America, and if you want to know how some people feel about vaginas, just look at New Orleans after the storm," performer Naomi Mylinski said.

The play also poked fun at Notre Dame's disconnect, producer Jordy Brown left a sign reading "Vagina" when explaining how many at Notre Dame feel about that part of the female anatomy.

"Performer Maureen Mullenn, who played a lesbian dominatrix in the segment, entitled "The Woman Who Makes Vaginas Happy," also added the "Our Lady" monologue was the "Notre Dame moan after parties" to her skit.

"Following the play, theology professors Ann Astell and Mary Rose D'Angelo, peace studies professor Susan Stville, and co-director for the Offices of Family Life in the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Lisa Everett offered their opinions on "The Vagina Monologues" and fielded questions from the audience.

Astell began by relating the story of Wooll's sexual abuse and argued that the sexual nature of the play down its message of stopping violence against women.

"The over-all, too simple, or argument seems to be this: the physical violence that women suffer at the hands of men can be remedied through women's enjoyment of their own bodies, pleasure healing pain," she said, referring to a part of the play entitled "The Little Caucasian Snorter That Could," where a girl is raped by a man as a 10-year-old and then discovers she is a sex as a 16-year-old with a 24-year-old woman.

"A Catholic university should not stand for anything that desecrates the dignity of women and promotes the culture of shamelessness."

Astell said shame is an important part of sexuality, "which calls us to responsibility for ourselves and our bodies."

Astell was followed by D'Angelo, who said "The Vagina Monologues" are rooted in 1970's feminism and are not intended as an attack on Roman Catholic sexual doctrine. According to D'Angelo, the play explores the different ways women consent to sex and how that consent is used in society.

"The monologues offer an exercise in listening," she said. D'Angelo criticized the timing of the play, however, arguing that it should be held during V-Day in April so that the University could protest violence against women with the entire world.

"It really find it disturbing that the university permits "The Monologues" but at the cost of dissociating them with V-Day," she said.

Everett, who did not attend the Women's Services rehearsal, adopted a much more conservative stance, saying the monologues are complete violations of Catholic sexual and moral teachings and had no place on the University's campus.

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Belle's co-director for the Office of Family Life Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend

"It is not a perfect play, but it is an important vehicle. A woman who is assaulted sexually experiences herself being radically silenced."

Stville was critical of the style of the play, and said Ensilser was not a sexual abuse victim, lost some important elements of the feminine experience, when she took over 200 interviews and rewrote them as monologues.

"The monologue style gives them the ability to evoke empathy," she said. "But something is lost when you encapsulate an interview into monologue form."

Moreover, Stville said sexual abuse victims are often more successful in healing their wounds when they make it a religious experience.

"Catholicism and other churches have incredible resources," she said. "If survivors can put their healing in a divine plan, they are much more likely to be healed."

At the end of the panel discussion, Nussbaum praised University president Fr. John Jenkins for his judgment, but said he was worried about the divide between the university and that "The Vagina Monologues" prevented the play from accomplishing its goal of raising awareness of violence against women.

"I thought some of the things were totally inappropriate if the end result is sparking violence against women," he said.

Nussbaum, however, recognized that sexual abuse is a huge problem and related his experiences as a prosecutor specializing in sexual abuse cases.

"It's a huge problem, and if people don't think it's a problem then they have their heads in the sand," he said.

Survivors can put their healing in a divine plan, he said. Nussbaum agreed that the University would not help create awareness about sexual violence.

"The issue of whether or not to have this at a Catholic University has taken attention away from sexual violence," he said. "I would agree that the way to reach them is to stop doing the play, because all that will do is give students the message that we are not going to talk about this here. And no matter what else we substitute, you're not going to get over that afford to the women who have been raped."

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State Dept. employees view famous passports

Workers examined Anna Nicole Smith's records

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — State Department employees working for Passport Services, the agency that processes passport applications containing personal information about scores of famous people, including the late Playboy playmate Anna Nicole Smith, and celebrities, said they were allowed to view famous passports for "improper curiosity." But that is unlikely to amount to an official breach of security because the applications in question contained minimal and unimportant information needed to complete the process.

State Department employees, including supervisors, have access to millions of passport applications. A department employee who looked at Clinton's file as part of a legitimate employee action was sanctioned.

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Two contractors were fired and a third disciplined for breaching Obama's records three times and McCain's once.

The companies that provided the contractors — Stanley Inc., of Arlington, Va., and Computer Sciences Corp., of McLean, Va. — have said they did nothing improper because the actions were unauthorized and not consistent with company policies. However, they appeared aimed at increasing pressure for more rapid troop reductions in Iraq.

The chiefs' concern is that U.S. forces are being worn thin, compromising the Pentagon's ability to handle crises elsewhere in the world.

In the war zone itself, two more American soldiers were killed Wednesday in separate attacks in Baghdad, raising the U.S. death toll to at least 4,002, according to an Associated Press count. Volleys of rockets also slammed into Baghdad's Green Zone for the third day this week, and the U.S. Embassy said three Americans, including two civilians, were seriously wounded. At least eight Iraqis were killed elsewhere in the capital by rounds that apparently fell short.

Wednesday's 90-minute Pentagon session, held in a secure conference room known as "the Tank," was arranged by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to provide Bush an additional opportunity to persuade him to decide how to prepare to cut back in Iraq once his troop buildup, which began in 2007, runs its course by July.

"Armed with all that, the president must now decide the way ahead in Iraq," said Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell. The discussion covered not only Iraq but Afghanistan, where violence has spiked, and broader military matters, said Morrell, who briefed reporters without giving details of the meetings. Some speculations were provided by defense officials, commenting on condition of anonymity in order to speak more freely.

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It's good to be male

At a lunch on Monday, a mother of four told me why her oldest daughter didn't pick Notre Dame. A teacher at her prestigious all-girls Connecticut prep school told her, with some certainty, that Notre Dame was "sexist.

The mother continued: the teacher's statement was "evidence of her non-Catholic, East Coast bias and her narrow-minded belief that Notre Dame is a football team first and a school second.

The mother was probably right.

Still today, most New York suburbs — particularly wealthy, WASPY New York suburbs — don't view Notre Dame the same way Chicago suburbs do.

But as the mother dismissed the assertion of sexism as mere ignorance, I cringed and kept my mouth shut, only nodding and shrugging and hoping enough snopes was in my mouth that I wouldn't have to respond.

Because, at least one sense, the teacher was right too. There is an embarrassing gap between the treatment of women and men at Notre Dame even today. Admitting women, adding a gender studies program and showing the Vagina Monologues on campus shouldn't be trumpeted as signs that we're a place that treats all female students equally.

We don't.

In many ways, we're still a boys club.

The evidence seems almost too obvious, too often whined about among students around campus, to merit a column. Among students, this observation is true. But we don't talk about it publicly, we never demand a change.

There are different standards in male and women's dorms. Sure, the DuLat in Farley is the same as the DuLat in Fisher, but students know the rules aren't the same in practice.

Any male dorm — and, yes, that includes Menorrey — is far less harsh than is any female dorm on campus. While it varies case-by-case and individual-by-individual — there are lenient RAs and Rectors in women's halls, there's the occasional perk in men's (you know who you are) — the experience of getting caught toasting in Alumni is less serious than the experience of getting caught in PE. And this can't be dismissed as necessary dorm autonomy. There is a consistent difference in treatment and discipline between male and female dorms.

I don't know why the difference exists. There is something of a boys-Will-he-beys side to it, I'm sure.

There's also a practical concern: as a general rule, men taking shots aren't as quick to become a liability (though there are plenty of lightweight exceptions). Most importantly, there's also still a sense of paternalism to it.

A Frosh-O sign half-joking reasures freshman parents that a particular woman's dorm has been "protecing your daughters from Zach" since its inception.

Walk through campus on a Friday night at 10 and you'll see the perverse effects of this protect-the-girls sensibility.

The harshness of women's halls forces girls to go off-campus or to mere "sips for pax's". And while I don't have any hard data to back this up, it sure seems like this causes some girls to drink more (male-purchased) alcohol and encourages them from returning (plastered) after parties.

This is bad for students not just because it costs me money. To vastly over generalize something that too many Notre Dame students know from experience, pushing freshman girls to Turtle Creek Golf Course does well.

Put simply, women's dorms don't actively protect their residents by being harsher on alcohol and parties. Instead, they push them to more dangerous situations over which hall staff has less control. The means undermines the end. The halls take worse care of their residents precisely because they try to take better care of them.

Our women's halls ought to treat our women the same way our men's halls treat our men. Treating the men as we now treat women isn't an option — it would just force more kids to go off-campus and compound the problem.

It's not a change in policy, per se. It is a change in culture and attitude.

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One of my sons has a recurring problem with what he calls "the thought." Every so often, usually as he tries to fall asleep at night, "the thought" comes to him and absolutely terrifies him. He comes to find me and knows that all he needs to know is, "I'm having the thought." I ask him what it is? Simply the understanding, with painful clarity, that someday he will die. This has been happening to him for years; at least for as long as he's been able to articulate it to me aloud — not too often, thankfully, but about every month or two.

Ironically, this happened most recently on the night of Easter. While I was reading in bed, I could hear him start gasping in his room; and sure enough, I came pounding in a few seconds later and jumped up next to me. I tried to tease him a little: "You're having the thought Easter night? This is the day of all days you're not supposed to be afraid of death!"

No. Maybe that wasn't fair — after all, the Gospels tell us again and again that most of Jesus' disciples (whom he had repeatedly told that he would rise from the dead) were still slow to believe he had risen even when presented with physical evidence of the testimony of angels. Even this week, as we continue to celebrate Easter Day, we hear that Mary Magdalene looked right at Jesus, thought he was the gardener, and asked him to return the "stolen" body of the Lord — and this after she had peered into the empty tomb and seen angels sitting in the place of Jesus' body.

We hear the story of the disciples who walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus with Jesus and didn't recognize him until he took them to a dinner table. Those same disciples then jumped up and ran the seven miles back to Jerusalem to tell the others, only to find that they didn't believe it either, Jesus even arrives on the scene, but they think he's a ghost until he offers his hands and feet as proof, and lets them watch him eat to show that he's really alive. Jesus' closest friends and followers are far too thick, too deeply that they didn't understand that he had overcome it.

So while the lay son shouldn't have his "thought" on Easter night — at least he's good in company. When he shares with Jesus' disciples is not just fear and uncertainty, but more importantly, a belief — even through that fear — in a living, merciful Lord who's always willing to give us a fresh start, a new beginning. For watch how Jesus responds to all his confused, bewildered, yet beloved friends. He reaches out to them. He shares meals with them; He walks with them; He offers his peace: He invites them to touch his hands and his side; He even entrusts them with his mission. "Go into the whole world," He will say in Saturday's Gospel, "and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

Jesus' resurrection gives us a new chance, too. He mercifully offers each of us the opportunity, again and again, to say, as we will hear "doubling" Thomas cry this Sunday, "My Lord and my God!" To say, as we will hear Cleopas and the other disciple say after Emmaus, "The Lord has truly been raised!" To say, as we will hear Peter cry out, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you!"

We can't "beat" death, or somehow conquer the inevitability of its presence in our lives. I can't reassure my son, nothing to worry about, sweetheart. You're never going to do it. Rather, we may be able to reduce our fear of death by taking Jesus up on his offers to come to him over and over again for mercy, for understanding, for forgiveness. We may not be able to touch him or watch him eat, but we surely can receive him in the sacraments, Eucharist and certain signs that bespeak and bring God's presence into the world. We can also offer mercy as Jesus did, trying to live with an attitude of forgiveness, even when our ability to forgive is tested more than we think we can endure.

In one of the most stunningly beautiful Easter hymns ever written, we sing: "And you most kind and gentle death/Waiting to hush our final breath/0 praise him! 0 praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!" Perhaps we can take the most comfort in knowing that Christ has trud the way of death before us, and now waits in heaven for each and every child of God.

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By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

It's a shame we had to wait so long for Judy Greer to have her own starring role, but "Miss Guided" on ABC is finally giving her the chance to show off her leading lady skills. While many remember Greer for her hysterical role as Kitty Sanchez on "Arrested Development," she is perhaps most recognizable for her roles as the sarcastic best friend in far too many romantic comedies ("The Wedding Planner," "13 Going on 30" and "27 Dresses"). But ABC's mid-season replacement "Miss Guided" shows us that Greer can handle the lead role. She may not look like Jennifer Lopez or Katherine Heigl, but she has all the wit and charm to sparkle on screen and make us love any character she plays.

Greer stars as Becky Freely, a young woman who has returned to her former high school to be a guidance counselor. Becky's stint as a counselor gives her the opportunity to do over high school — a not so happy experience for the nerdy girl who once started a Milli Vanilli fan club. She's ditched the head gear for a sunny smile and cheery wardrobe, but she hasn't ditched homecoming queen Lisa Germain (Brook Burns) who returns in the pilot as the new English teacher. Lisa causes Becky's high school insecurities to come flooding back to her, especially when Lisa starts vying for the affection of Spanish teacher Tim (Kristoffer Polaha), who Becky has a serious crush on. Meanwhile Becky is constantly butting heads with assistant principal Bruce, brilliantly played by "SNL" alum Chris Parnell — another underappreciated comedic actor who is finally getting a major role.

"Miss Guided"

Network: ABC
Starring: Judy Greer, Brooke Burns, Kristoffer Polaha and Chris Parnell

Yet another comedy about high school could get old fast, but "Miss Guided" is careful to keep its humor fresh and its situations real. There is a reason that so many movies and television shows focus on high school — it's one of the defining time periods of our lives. In high school there are winners and losers (mostly losers), but it's the losers who go on to run the world. Becky Freely is a loser trying to reinvent herself and help kids who need a little guidance from someone who wasn't Lisa Germain in high school.

ABC has already aired three episodes with two airing back to back for the next two weeks before "Ugly Betty" reclaims its time slot with new episodes. Little information is available about the future of the series. The first episode caught the eye of 10 million viewers while the second two episodes dropped down to about 6.3 million viewers each.

Critical reception has been generally positive, with several comparisons to "30 Rock" and "Arrested Development." "Miss Guided" is a single camera comedy, which gives the series more freedom to feature characters directly addressing the camera and to cut away to embarrassing high school flashbacks.

The comedy also follows a recent trend of female characters taking the lead in single camera sitcoms. Becky Freely is in good company with Liz Lemon (Tina Fey) on "30 Rock" and Samantha Newly (Christina Applegate) on "Samantha Who?" These characters are modern-day Lucy Ricardos, Mary Richards' s and Murphy Browns.

Becky is a character who made it after all, but her personal journey isn't complete because in high school, an emotional breakdown is always right around the corner. Becky has to deal with everything from resisting the advances of the substitute Spanish teacher played by executive producer Ashton Kutcher who is after Tim's job to being jealous that she isn't higher on the "most doable teachers" list.

"Miss Guided" is quirky and consistently funny. Most characters are multi-dimensional and feature possibilities for growth. If the series gets picked up for more episodes, we'll possibly see the one-joke characters get something meatier and funnier. In the meantime, "Miss Guided" can draw on the high school experiences that we all identify with while Becky shows us what a winner she has become.

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By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

It has been discussed, deliberated and debated, hyped and hated, criticized and condemned, lamented and lauded. Controversy over "The Vagina Monologues" has raged from the pages of this newspaper to the quads of Notre Dame's campus to the streets surrounding her borders. In the months prior to this week, the only thing missing from the controversy embroiling this campus surrounding was the actual performance itself.

Now, finally, "The Vagina Monologues" takes center stage at Notre Dame. At the show's heart lies a core of committed young women dedicated to putting on the performance even in light of having to place themselves at the center of the controversy. This group of organizers includes seniors Jordy Brooks, Lisa Rauh, Cathy Steinmetz, Sarah Muscarella and sophomore Miriam Olsen. What ties each of these young women together is her determination to share a story of sexual violence, whether it be her own or a friend's.

"Beyond my own experiences dealing with close friends who have been the victims of sexual violence, I was inspired to join primarily for the empowering and positive environment I believe the 'Vagina Monologues' create," Rauh said. "In addition, I realized that in considering myself 'lucky' for having escaped such victimization, I was only accepting that there was a problem. The Monologues offered a venue to address this epidemic of violence against women."

Director and sophomore Stephanie Newsome agreed, saying, "I have had very personal experiences with sexual assault, which have forced me to speak out in any way I can about this violence."

"It is a lot harder to dismiss something when we do not have a vested interest in it, but as soon as it becomes personal, then we cannot remain remote or quiet. These stories are personal, and that is why we must tell them."

"What has inspired my continued involvement are all of the wonderfully kindhearted, caring and motivated women I have met through [being involved with the performance]," Steinmetz said. She has spent the past three years involved with the show in one capacity or another. "These are women who are passionate about respect for the genders and stopping violence.

"I have also seen the play positively impact the emotional lives of my friends who are survivors of sexual assault and I have seen the play spark interest in individuals to take action to stop violence against women," Steinmetz said. "For many students at Notre Dame, it becomes more than just a play, it becomes an inspiration and for some the beginning of a movement."

"The stories in the play are real, we would like to share them with the University and we hope this will spark discussion and action regarding awareness of ourselves as sexual beings and awareness of the sexual violence that is inflicted upon individuals every day."

It has been a long, arduous trip for the Monologues organizers in taking Eve Ensler's vision from script to stage. This week's three performances of the show represent the culmination of several months' worth of work. Back in September 2007, the organizers approached several departments they believed would have academic reasons to sponsor the event. After receiving conditional approval from two departments, the group held auditions in late December.

At the beginning of this semester, Rauh and company set to work on establishing the dates of the tentative event with the University. Having agreed upon dates, the group submitted a final proposal to the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, who signed off on the proposal around the time of spring break. The organizers' responsibilities included meeting with academic departments to discuss sponsorship, soliciting professors to be on the panel and attending organizers meetings one to two times a week.

In terms of the production itself, Newsome said that the nature of the script afforded her a large degree of creative freedom in putting on the show.

"One of the great things about directing this script is that it is so minimally written," she said. "The script does not call for a set, or specific lighting, or even a stage. For this production, there is no line between the audience and the actors. And by 'breaking the fourth wall,' I hope we can engage our audience and spark conversation."

The structure of the show also provides for some flexibility in its presentation. In addition to "core" monologues which recur every year, the production ensemble decided to add other monologues of Ensler's and a "Spotlight" monologue designed to keep the show relevant. This year's Spotlight monologue focuses on women living in New Orleans and in the Gulf South amidst the rebuilding period post-Hurricane Katrina.

"Directing this show has only been a challenge because there is so much controversy circulating around it," Newsome said. "But I suppose that is what makes it the most rewarding, because we overcome so many obstacles to be here. After months of anticipation and struggle, here we stand, more beautiful than ever."

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The controversy surrounding "The Vagina Monologues" comes to a head tonight and tomorrow night with performances in DeBartolo Hall.

The Vagina Monologues by Eve Ensler
7 pm DeBartolo 101 March 26th, 27th, and 28th
on academic event sponsored by the Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology Departments
Theology Panel on Wednesday, March 26th
Social Sciences Perspectives on Thursday, March 27th
Psychology and Art Panels on Friday, March 28th

Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuoka throws baseball caps into the stands in his native Japan after the Red Sox and Athletics concluded major league baseball's season-opening series in the Tokyo Dome. The two teams split the series 2-1.

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OAKAJIMA, Japan (AP) — Split two games, got back on a plane. Rich Harden strikes out nine on 95 pitches; Brown's three-run homer the difference in third inning; Ortiz goes 0-2.

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TOKYO — Split two games, got back on a plane. Rich Harden strikes out nine on 95 pitches, and minor fixups. Call Sue at 383-5 www.workforsludents.com

"Last night we lost a heartbreaker. We won tonight. Now everyone's looking forward to getting back to the Bay Area and reconverging," Oakland manager Rob Wittson said.

Boston began its World Series title defense by winning Tuesday's opener 6-5 in 10 innings after rallying in the ninth. The Red Sox headed to Los Angeles after Wednesday's game for three more exhibitions against the Dodgers, including one at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Saturday.

"We'll take a step back tomorrow and have an opportun­al workout," manager Terry Francona said. "We tried to do our homework on what to expect from travel. We're not going to talk ourselves into being tired, and we'll do what we need to do to get ready for the next start in Oakland.

After the New York Yankees went to Japan to start the 2004 season against Tampa Bay, several players said they had trouble adjusting when they got back home.

The Red Sox and A's resumed their regular seasons with a two-game series starting Tuesday in Oakland.


Since the teams arrived last week, the focus was on the Red Sox, coming off their second straight AL East title. Oakland was almost an afterthought.

Indeed, late in the game, an Oakland flag above the scoreboard in center field fell and un­dered on the warning track between innings. A groundskeeper went up and retrieved it.

With Japanese stars Daisuke Matsuoka and Hideki Okajima, the Red Sox were clearly the fans favorites. "We were received so warm­ly," Francona said. "Having Daisuke and Hideki added to that and hopefully we gained some fans.

Harden (1-0) helped the A's gain something from the trip. He is coming back from three injury-plagued seasons, and he made just four starts last year — none after July 2. This time, the right-hander allowed three hits and three walks, throwing 95 pitches.

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Oakland added a run in the eighth on converted Bryan Corey on Ramirez to end the eighth with a runner on second.

Lester gave up four runs, five hits and three walks in four innings.

"Emil got one pitch just a little bit over the plate and he hit it over the wall," Lester said.
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IN BRIEF

Pacers' CEO Walsh to step down at season's close

INDIANAPOLIS - Danny Walsh called the shots, and Reggie Miller made them.

In nearly two decades together, Walsh and Miller changed the Indiana Pacers from NBA also-rans to title contenders. Miller retired in 2005, and when Walsh said Monday he'd step down as Pacers CEO at the end of this season, it signaled the end of an era.

Though the franchise has been rid of off-the-court problems and losing in recent years, Miller, a five-time All-Star and revered clutch shooter, prefers to remember the glory days. Together, the Walsh-Miller combination reached the Eastern Conference finals six times, won the Central Division four times and made the NBA Finals in 2000.

There are reports that Walsh has agreed to take control of the New York Knicks, though the Pacers say Walsh hasn't made a decision about his future.

Beckham receives yellow card in 100th international game

SAINT-DENIS, France - David Beckham got a yellow card in his 100th international game for England and was taken off in the 62nd minute of his team's 1-0 loss at France.

Despite speculation the Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder would be on the bench, England coach Fabio Capello placed him in the starting lineup for Wednesday's game at Stade de France.

"I was happy to start the game, but it was more about getting on the pitch, getting that 100th cap," said Beckham, who didn't have a shot on goal, made little impression with his trademark long passes and spent much of his time cowering for right back Wes Brown. Beckham was shown a yellow card in the 38th minute for pulling Frank Ribery's shirt and hauling him down as the Frenchman, who had given his side the lead from the penalty spot, tried to run past him.

A-Rod, Yankees not concerned with steroid allegations

NEW YORK - Alex Rodriguez refused to address allegations by Jose Canseco, who claims he introduced the three-time MVP to steroids dealer named "Max." Canseco wrote that Rodriguez produced him to a steroids dealer named "Max."

In the book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and The Battle to Save Baseball," Canseco claimed he introduced Rodriguez to a steroids dealer named "Max." Canseco said he won't produce evidence to back his claim.

Yankees officials aren't concerned about a potential distraction.
Webber makes retirement official after 15 NBA seasons

Associated Press

OAKLAND — Chris Webber burst on the basketball scene nearly two decades ago as a precocious freshman with his baggy shorts and black shoes as part of Michigan’s Fab Five.

His basketball career came to a much quieter finish when he made official what seemed inevitable as he struggled to recover from another knee injury in recent weeks.

Webber announced his retirement after 15 NBA seasons on Wednesday, cutting short his comeback attempt with the Golden State Warriors and his rapprochement with coach Don Nelson.

"It definitely didn't work out the way that I planned," Webber said. "Life is what happens while you're making plans. I'm happy. I'm happy I got a chance to come back here and be reunited with Coach." Webber played nine games with the Warriors before being sidelined by a bum left knee that's hampered him in recent years. He has not played since March 2 and had not been around the team of late.

The Warriors are in eighth place in the Western Conference, a half-game ahead of Denver for the final playoff spot. Even if Webber had been healthy enough to return, it would have been hard to try his way back into the rotation.

"I really didn't want to rehab and come back this season because that was possible," Webber said. "Plus, because the way the team is playing, the chemistry is already great with these guys, they're on a roll. I feel like they're going to win and have a great chance to go very far in the playoffs. I just felt it was time to let the game go and to be able to be happy about what I accomplished without trying to keep coming back.

"Webber and the Warriors hoped that a return to the spot at which he started his NBA career would help both parties. Webber's first stint with the team ended after one season with a feud with Nelson, a public trade demand and finally a deal to Washington.

Nelson and Webber made up this time around and spoke well of each other. However, the signing ended that. He was the guy who didn't have a lot left in the tank here and the injury pretty well ended it. It was good to have him. It was a good try on our part and it didn't work out. I wish him the best. I enjoyed coaching him."

Slowed by the knee injuries, Webber struggled to keep up with the fast-pace Warriors and averaged only 2.9 points per game in his brief stint. At the time of the signing, Nelson said he thought he needed another big man in order to make the playoffs. Since Webber got hurt, rookie Brandon Wright has shown flashes and could play a key role down the stretch.

Webber said he wanted to stay involved in basketball, first as a television commentator and then in a bigger role with a team. He is scheduled to be in the studio for TNT on Thursday.
NFL

Giants open against ‘Skins

Associated Press

The NFL’s Thursday night season opener will match the Super Bowl-champion New York Giants and the Washington Redskins, with the game possibly starting an hour-and-a-half earlier to avoid clashing with the Republican National Convention.

The game is now scheduled for 8:30 p.m. EDT on Sept. 4 — the concluding night of the Republican convention — and will be televised by ABC. League spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday that the NFL is talking with the network about changing the game’s starting time to 7 p.m.

The Super Bowl winner traditionally hosts the game. The Redskins’ participation was confirmed by a person familiar with the NFL schedule who spoke on condition of anonymity because the league has not announced it.

The highlight games of the NFL’s first weekend will be announced Monday during league meetings in Palm Beach, Fla. The rest of the schedule will be announced later next month.

OLYMPICS

American cyclist looks to qualify for Beijing

Associated Press

American cyclist Taylor Phinney participates at the World Track Cycling Championships at the Manchester Velodrome.

PHINNEY

The son of American road star Davis Phinney and 1984 Olympic gold medalist Connie Carpenter-Phinney was quick to express his disappointment after clocking 4:22.558 in the individual pursuit at the world track championships on Wednesday.

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“I’m somewhat happy with the time — it’s a personal record for me — but it’s still not what I wanted to do,” Phinney told The Associated Press. “It’s a bit disappointing not finishing where I wanted to, but I didn’t expect to rise so quickly. I just have to keep in check that eighth place out of the 17 in the world championships is not that bad.”

Especially considering that Phinney would only have been found on a soccer pitch two years ago.

That changed with an inspirational trip in 2005 to the Tour de France, where his father became the first American to win a stage in 1986. Within his first year of competitive cycling, he won 23 races. And despite only seven races, the Vuelta a Espana — and that shows me and everyone else he doesn’t take this disease and it gives him a great appreciation for what he’s got and he doesn’t want to fritter it away.

“He wants to flex his muscle — and that shows me and everyone else he doesn’t take it for granted.”

Davis Phinney sees the day when his son is an Olympic and Tour de France champion — combining the feats of his parents.

“You have to be careful about imposing your dreams on your kids,” Davis said. “But I know that’s what he would like and he’s going to surpass my footsteps — or wheel marks — and in many cases he already has.”

“I’m biased but what’s phenomenal about the kid is his range, he can ride anywhere from 200 meters in a velodrome to 100 miles on the road with equal ease, strength and aplomb.”
Minnesota defense rallies to defeat Edmonton in second game

Associated Press

ST. PAUL — Two nights after getting routed in Edmonton, the Minnesota Wild were the aggressors from the start in a 3-1 victory over the Oilers on Wednesday night.

Sean Hill, Branko Radivojevic and Brian Rolston scored and Mikko Koivu added three assists for the Wild, who started a four-game homestand with a victory to leap-frog Calgary into first place in the Northwest Division.

Niklas Backstrom made 32 saves, and got some help from a defense that left him exposed in a 5-3 loss to the Oilers on Monday night.

The younger, faster Oilers ripped right through the porous Minnesota zone on Monday night, scoring three goals on their first four shots.

The Wild had the fast start in this one, scoring two goals on their first four shots to make things tougher on Edmonton, which had won 12 of its last 15 games to vault back into playoff contention.

Fernando Pisani scored for the Oilers, who began the night trailing Vancouver by three points for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

Getting in won’t be easy. The Oilers started a three-game road trip and play four of their last five away from raucous Rexall Place, all of them against Northwest foes.

Marian Gaborik and Radivojevic broke free on a two-on-one less than three minutes into the game, and everyone in the building expected Gaborik, the Wild’s leading scorer, to take the shot.

But he waited and waited, slipping a backhanded pass across the crease at the last possible second and Radivojevic finished it off.

Just over four minutes later, Hill took a brilliant blind feed from Koivu on a power play and sneaked the puck past Dwayne Roloson on the short side for a 2-0 advantage.

Notes: Veteran move: Early in the second period, Roloson wound up caught out of position as he lunged to make a save during a scrum in front of the net. He lay motionless on the ice to get a stoppage and received “medical attention” from the trainer, but managed to stay in the game.

... Rolston’s short-handed goal was the first by the Wild since Gaborik got one on Jan. 3.
Cleveland — Along with countless assists, Chris Paul has given teammate David West a rather unique nickname — "I call David West the 17-foot assassin," Paul said.

The Cavaliers now know why.

West calmly dropped a 17-foot jumper — coming off Paul's inbounds pass and drove left, picking up a screen near the foul line. Paul then drove deep in the lane, drawing three defenders before spinning and whipping a pass back to West.

West then knocked down his shot on the exact play Hornets coach Byron Scott had drawn up during the team's previous timeout.

"We knew we were going to have a chance to get the ball to Chris and let him create," Scott said. "We knew we were going to get a good look at it. If we got the shot, we didn't want to leave a lot of time on the clock. It was 6 when David nailed it.

"It worked to perfection." 

Cleveland got the ball to James, whose 27-foot heave at the horn rattled off the 24-second clock at the other end. James, who healthcare in frustration at teammates earlier in the fourth quarter, punched his hand in his fist and complained to assistant coach Mike Malone before heading to the locker room.

Following a postpone ice bath, James had cooled way down.

"If we get a stop, we win the ballgame," he said. "We played pretty good defense. We bottled him (Paul) up, but with eyes in the back of his head, he found David West.

Peja Stojakovic scored 25 points — 18 on 3-pointers — West added 20 points and Paul 15 for the Hornets, who came in with the Western Conference's best record and improved to 2-0 on a six-game road trip against Eastern Conference teams.

New Orleans, playing the second game of a back-to-back,
Swagger

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and it happened because he
started making plays," Weis said.
"The minute you start making
plays, you start getting some con­
fidence. now it's taken some time
but now he's got swagger."

Bruton defined swagger as the
mindset you have when you know
you can beat anyone.

"You just go out there and feel
confident. You don't go out there
thinking someone is going to beat
you or someone is better than you,"
Bruton said. "You go out
with that chip on your shoulder,
that pep in your step, that little
jump. You go ahead and handle
your business."

Irish defensive coordinator
Caruso Brown said swagger is the
belief a player has that he can
freely make plays to greatly
impact a game.

"As a player, when you step out
there, when you walk that line, if
nobody ever fears you or if you
have no affect on the game, then
there's a problem," Brown said.
"There's a problem with you as a
person or maybe with how you
play. You always need to impact
the game somehow."

Hitting the weights

Some Irish players weighed in
for spring camp significantly
heavier than at the end of the fall.
The most notable gains were by
quarterback Jimmy Clausen
(right tackle Sam Young (from 287
and is also out for the spring.

Weis said the team is much bet­
er than at the end of the fall.

"I think we are in very good
condition as far as running goes,
because coming off of strength
and conditioning coordinator
Ruben Meulenaer's program, it
was a pretty grueling off season," he
said.

Baseball

Three Irish players will miss
parts of practice due to commit­
ments to the Irish baseball team.
Infielder/quarterback Evan
Sharpley, who was recently
named Big East baseball player of
the week, wide receiver/punter
Eric Maust are all excused from
football practice as long as they
are integral parts of the baseball
team.

The baseball squad takes back­
to-back road trips starting on
April 10 and Weis said he and
baseball coach Dave Shragge will
reassess the dual athletes' roles
on the baseball team then.

"But what I'm not going to do
is, I'm not going to hurt the base­
ball team, and take them off the
football field if it makes a differ­
ence with [the baseball team] winning and losing," Weis said.

Banged up

Two Irish players will not par­
icipate in spring practices due to
injuries. Defensive end John Ryan
had two surgeries during the off­
season, one on his shoulder
immediately after the season
ended and one more recently on
a sports hernia. Walk-on receiver
Daniel Mackenzie also had a
sports hernia and is also not for the spring.

Weis said he did not know how
many captains he will have from
each unit because that is based
on player votes.

"We don't know where all of the
leadership is going to come from,
and I think that we have to wait
and see how that goes. The rea­
son why we have had more than
one captain on offense or defense
is because the vote was too close
to call," he said.

Blasts from the past

Weis announced that the hon­
orary coaches for the Blue and
Gold game will represent the last
six decades of Notre Dame foot­
ball.

Representing the 1950s is for­
ter running back Jim Morse
(1954-56), the Irish captain in
1956. Terry Hanratty (1966-68),
quarterback for the 1966 champi­
onship team, will represent his
decade.

Weis had a more personal
choice for the 1970s in running
back Terry Euret (1974-77), who
chose for the 1970s in running
back Terry Euret (1974-77), who
called," he said.

Power vacuum

"He's a perfect example of
somebody who can rise from rel­
ative obscurity and through hard
work and effort, all of a sudden
his time came," Weis said of
Grant. "And this year his time
came and he became a household
name when last year, very few
people even knew who the guy
was."

Weis contacted New York
Giants defensive end Justin Tuck,
but the former Irish lineman is in
the process of planning his wed­
ing and declined the offer.

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Irish sophomore centerfielder A.J. Pollock awaits a pitch during Notre Dame’s 14-3 win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee Wednesday.

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scored. Pollock had three singles, a triple and a stolen base as well as two diving catches in right field.

Panthers starter Jordan Herbert could not last through the first inning against the Irish, recording just two outs before getting sent to the showers. While Herbert did not give up a hit, the righty gave up three walks and hit a batter.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning despite its only hit remaining in the infield. After loading the bases on walks, senior Ross Brezovsky picked up an RBI after getting hit by a pitch. Sophomore Billy Booskirk brought home another run with a walk and the freshman Cameron McConnell got into scoring position by hitting an infield single.

The Irish pushed their lead to 5-0 after Jeremy Barnes hit a two-run single in the second inning. The game then turned into a route with Notre Dame putting up six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Brianna Jorgensborg making a spectacular catch in right field.

The Irish scored three runs despite not getting a hit. Irish freshman Evan Danieli gave up a run in two innings pitched. Panth­ers star­t­er Jo­rdan Her­bert could not last through the first inning against the Irish, record­ing just two outs before get­ting sent to the sho­wers.

The Irish defense was once again solid, with freshman Brianna Jorgensborg making a spectacular catch in right field.

Some of Notre Dame’s impressive freshmen helped put the finishing touches on IUPUI. The final run was driven in by freshman Kelly Shannon on an RBI double after classmate Katie Fleury got into scoring position by stealing second base.

The goal for the Irish is to build momentum going into Big East play this weekend. If the Irish win the Big East, they are all but assured a spot in the NCAA tournament.

The Irish will be back in action tonight at 5 p.m. against Illinois-Chicago in Chicago. The Irish then begin Big East play against DePaul Sunday with an afternoon double-header.

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url at Notre Dame are perfect for what he and Brown want to do defensively.

"I think we have the people to do what I like to do, what Corwin [Brown] likes to do," Tenuta said. "So I think you just take that and build on that from there. I think we're going to be a pressure package team."

Brown said he was excited when he learned Weis had hired Tenuta because he feels the new coach is "one of the better football minds" in college football.

Brown also said he did not feel threatened by Tenuta's hiring, and instead considers Tenuta's experience something that will most benefit the team as a whole. Brown added that the team's success is his most important goal.

"It's not about whose ideas it is, or who's doing this, who's doing that. It's about, when we get out on the field on Saturday, do we win, because that's the only way you feel good on Sunday," Brown said. "And when you add a coach like Coach Tenuta who has the experience like he has, he's been there, he's a football guy, all that matters to him is how well we play and if we win.

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Irish assistant coach

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Brown also mentioned a sign Tenuta has on his desk that reads, "There's no limit to what a man can accomplish as long as he doesn't care who gets the credit."

Brown said he has always tried to live by that philosophy as both a player and a coach.

"My ego is not that big where I'm not going to listen to a guy that's been working for 25 years and had the success that he's had. I'm a bigger person than that," Brown said. "Because in the end, the more I'm around him and the more he talks and the more we bounce ideas off each other, ten years from now, fifteen years from now, the better I'll be."

Tenuta also said the transition of working alongside Brown, as well as other Irish defensive coaches like Jappy Oliver, has gone well.

"So over the course of how many weeks I've been here, the numerous conversations that we've had about my philosophy, his philosophy, what I know that worked well for me, what he knows that worked well for him, mesh them together, put our players in a position to be successful," Tenuta said.

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ND SOFTBALL

ND slaughters IUPUI, Valdivia gets victory

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame flexed its muscles yesterday in its home opener, blowing out IUPUI 8-0 at Ivy Field. The Irish were led by freshman pitcher Ryan Sharpley, who went 4-5 with five runs allowed while striking out eight in his first career start.

Sharpley was named the starting pitcher for the first time this season and struck out five in the first four innings. He gave up two hits in the fifth inning before being taken out of the game.

Valdivia, a senior catcher, had two hits and drove in two runs for the Irish.

BASEBALL

Sharpley picks up first win

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Freshman Ryan Sharpley pitched five scoreless innings Tuesday to lead the Irish to a 14-3 win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The Irish offense was led by sophomore A.J. Pollock, who went 4-5 with five runs.

FOOTBALL

Spring 'swagger'

Weis urges team to adopt new confidence

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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After one of the worst seasons in Notre Dame history, Irish coach Charlie Weis said his team needs to find its swagger if it wants to get better.

"We didn't give a clear definition of "swagger," but said the key is to make big plays.

"It starts with making plays. Swagger is something that you evolve to. Confidence is something that comes after you start making plays," he said.

Just as important as creating plays is to finish them, Weis said.

"Whatever does it if you have a hot linebacker sitting there in the hold that just whooped the offensive lineman and everybody is cheering that he whooped the offensive lineman and then in the back [a defender] makes a miss," Weis said.

"You still have to finish the play, okay, but the first thing's first. Put them in position to make plays. That's why the first week we don't do anything too exotic the first three days, and each week we'll pick up more and more.

Weis said that while some players such as safety David Bruton already have a swagger about them, the team as a whole needs to learn it.

"A guy like David Bruton who used to just be a special teams gunner and one of the better enthusiasts, at that, now is one of our best players on our team, okay," Weis said. "

Brown and Tenuta look to recoup defense

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After improving Notre Dame's defense tremendously in his first year as defensive coordinator, Corwin Brown looks to take another step forward this season by making the team more aggressive.

"We're going to be flying a lot more. That's how we'll look," he said in a news conference Wednesday.

One main reason the Irish defense is going to be more aggressive is the new coaching personnel. After former assistant coach Bill Lewis retired from coaching in December due to health reasons, Irish head coach Charlie Weis hired Jon Tenuta, the former defensive coordinator from Georgia Tech known for his near-constant blitzes.

Tenuta also said he wants to make Notre Dame's defense more aggressive - something he asserts is a basic part of his coaching philosophy.

"It's going to be an aggressive ball-hawking defense," Tenuta said. "I always want to be aggressive. I don't like offenses dictating to me. I want to try to dictate to them, if possible."

Tenuta added that the goal for the defense on every play should be to keep the offensive linemen and make sure the quarterback never has time to set his feet to throw.

Tenuta also said the person-